

**Lanesboro City Council
Monday, May 3rd, 2010
Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Rahn, Allen, Jeannette and O'Connor

Absent: Dybing

Visitors: Tim Donahue, Brian Luna, Sean Maternowski, Chief Schultz, Butch Culbertson, Andy Drake, Tom Manion and Mark Brewster

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rahn.

Additions or Changes to the agenda consisted of adding Community Center Repair of NE corner, 10am Sunday Liquor, Assisted Living opportunity and a report from Brian Luna for the Chamber. O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes, second Allen, motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the April 12th Board of Equalization hearing and regular council meeting were approved with a motion by Jeannette, second O'Connor, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

A. Mark Brewster, Brewster's Landing – Detachment Request:

Brewster was not in attendance. Manion noted that by him now being there, there was not a request to be considered. Rahn noted that they would not proceed without a physical request, but made a motion to have planning and zoning review if a request is made, second Jeannette, motion carried.

B. Andy Drake, Street Superintendent – Rock Bids, Sidewalks and Streets:

Drake presented the rock bids to the Council. Rahn made a motion to accept both bids, 2nd O'Connor, motion carried.

Drake and Vickerman discussed sidewalks. They put an ad in the paper to seek out bids. Currently in the budget is \$10,000 for sidewalk repairs. Vickerman noted that they are up to the 600 block of Kenilworth. Allen made a motion for Drake and Vickerman to proceed with the sidewalk replacement and to follow the 50/50 match guidelines and to replace up to the \$10,000 dollar amount in the budget, second Jeannette, motion carried.

Drake stated that he mentioned to the Council years ago about the damage that the garbage trucks are doing to the streets. Jeannette noted that it was mentioned when Waste Management was here. Rahn stated that they said they were going to use the lighter trucks in the alleys. Drake stated that they are not using lighter truck and we have proof of them tearing up the streets. O'Connor made a motion to have the City Attorney seek out to rectify the issues with Waste Management based on contract, second Allen, motion carried.

Drake asked the Council to seek bids for seal coating for the following areas: Little Norway, the Light Plant, Softball Field and Hillcrest. Jeannette made a motion to have Drake seek out bids for seal coating for the areas listed above, second O'Connor, motion carried.

Drake also mentioned there is an alley behind the property that Ed Miller owns up on Hillcrest that needs the alley extended. He believes that it has been approved before, but wanted to be sure. He stated that the people renting there have to park on the street, which makes it difficult for vehicles to pass by. He stated that the City staff could do the work. O'Connor made a motion for Drake and the street department to clean up the brush and extend the alley to the property, second Jeannette, motion carried.

C. Chief Matt Schultz, Preston Police Department – Quarterly Report for Lanesboro Contract:

Schultz passed out a listing of the Lanesboro and Preston calls for the 1st quarter of 2010 and asked the Council if there were any questions or concerns that he could address. Council members stated that they are unaware at this time of any issues.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

A. Codification of Ordinances: April 13th, 20th and 27th - Allen: Allen noted that the group is moving along faster than expected. She noted that the group has been through chapters 1, 3, 5, 7 and are through the traffic code section of chapter 9.

B. Library: April 12, 2010 – Allen: Allen noted that she did not have anything significant to report at this time.

C. HPC: April 27, 2010 – Vickerman: Vickerman reported that the HPC had Tom Manion and Sandy Manion as guests to their last meeting to seek out as much knowledge and history as they could to start to redevelop the HPC. The HPC decided to redo the ordinance and have a work session next meeting to go through old files to take what has been done and try to revitalize the HPC

D. Park: April 14, 2010 – Vickerman: Vickerman reported that the Park Board discussed trees in the Park, the post replacements.

E. EDA: May 3, 2010 – Jeannette: Jeannette reported that the EDA discussed the opportunity for an Assisted Living at the property next to the Kenilworth apartments and directed Vickerman to attend a Housing Authority meeting on behalf of the EDA. The group also discussed incentives to have a business and to live in Lanesboro, noting that each member was going to research area communities for the incentives that they provide.

F. Public Utilities: April 19, 2010 – O'Connor: O'Connor reported that negotiations with Verizon for cell tower fees are being worked on by the attorney. He said that the PU is still working on financing for the dam/hydro. He also noted that the Utilities are continually looking at opportunities within their organization UMPA.

HOUSEKEEPING:

A. Paying of the Bills: Vickerman reported that all bills were paid already and that they would have to look at how they pay bills now if the meetings will be the 1st Monday of the month. O'Connor noted that with there being a meeting on the 17th the bills and process could be worked on at that meeting.

B. Grocery Store Update: O'Connor reported that Ron Zeigler, the hired project manager, has been working with the LLC. A feasibility study has been done and that Vickerman and Ziegler were successful to have the County Board continue to hold the \$1,291,000 recovery zone funds in case they could be used for the project. O'Connor stated that the project's future is in the LLC's hand and they have been asked to develop a formal proposal for the Council to review.

C. Banking Options: Vickerman reported that Associated Bank wishes to have the opportunity to review the City's finances, so she has asked the Council to review the Banking options and proposals at the meeting in June to be fair to all bidders.

D. Online Credit Card Processing: Vickerman said she will be receiving a quote from Heartland for this service and will also have this available at the June meeting.

E. Addressing – Darrell Hummel and Kevin Meyer Properties: O'Connor made a motion to have the City Administrator fix Darrel Hummel's address and to assign an appropriate address for the Kevin Meyer property based on prior naming of the road and to put in a sign for that road, second Jeannette, motion carried.

F. Local Sales Tax / Food & Beverage Tax: Vickerman noted that she has been in contact with our representative and senator in regards to some cities being in the bill currently for local sales tax. Senator Ropes advised Vickerman to send in a resolution asking to seek out a local sales tax for the 2011 session. Vickerman stated that if the moratorium is removed that the Lanesboro Community could put the local sales tax option on the ballot this fall in hopes for legislature

approval in 2011. O'Connor made a motion to have Vickerman draft a resolution seeking out a local sales tax for Lanesboro, second Allen, motion carried.

G. Museum Request and Letter: Vickerman noted that in the packet is a thank you letter from the Museum President Scott Strom and also an invite to come and see the Museum. Vickerman noted that Robert Thompson had approached her about the City taking over the utility bills for the Museum. Vickerman provided a sheet with the monthly bills associated with the Museum. She stated that the City pays the utilities for the downstairs area and that the Museum pays for the Utilities for the upstairs. She said the bill averages around \$100/month. O'Connor made a motion to deny the request to pay for the utilities noting that the City has given \$5,000 the past few years and with budget concerns, at this time can not take on any more expense, second Allen, motion carried. Jeannette opposed.

H. Earth Day Events 2010 Review: Vickerman noted that although she was not there she did receive calls in regards to the event. She noted that in the future they may want to consider limiting each household to one trailer full. She noted that they filled up on truck and had to bring in another, then noted that the second truck was filled with people still waiting in line. She stated this has never happened in the 7 years she has been a part of it and usually they are lucky to fill 1/3 of the truck. She said it will be great to review the opportunity closer to the event next year to determine the procedure for 2011.

I. Community Center Repairs: Allen made a motion to seek out bids for the repair work of the NE corner of the building along with tuck pointing around the building, second O'Connor, motion carried.

J. Sunday Liquor 10 am vs. Noon: Vickerman explained that this is one of the discrepancies with the MN Basic Code and the City ordinances. She noted that the existing ordinances have Sunday liquor at noon. However the MN Basic Code and the State Statute list 10am, unless the City wants to be stricter. Vickerman noted that the golf course would like to have liquor on Sunday for a golf tournament. Jeannette made a motion to approve the 10am time, which supports the MN Basic Code, second Allen, motion carried.

Mark Brewster entered the meeting during the housekeeping items. Mayor Rahn gave him the opportunity to speak. Brewster noted that due to taxes and not being able to have City services he would like to seek detachment from the City. He noted that the state says that a resolution from the City makes detaching easier, so he is asking the Council for a resolution to support his detachment. Rahn noted that he is not in favor of allowing any properties to detach and that there are city services. He also noted that a lot of time and effort was spent to rezone Brewster's property so that lodging could take place there. Rahn noted that the Council has asked the P&Z to make a recommendation to the Council.

K. Brian Luna – Chamber report: Luna noted that the Chamber received a grant for paint from SMIF to repaint the inside and outside of the depot.

L. Meeting: Mayor Rahn noted that there will be a Council meeting on May 17th at 5:30pm.

M. Citizens Comments: N/A

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:

At 6:52pm Jeannette made a motion to adjourn, second Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk